Kingdom Wars heretofore were wont to be made either of ambition to enlarge dominions or of revenge to quit injuries , but this against us is not so In this the Holy Religion of God is sought to be rooted out, the "whole realm to be subdued, and the precious life of her Majesty to be taken away, which hitherto hath been preserved, maugre the Devil, the Pope and the Spanish Tyrant. Her Majesty hath not spared to disburse a mass of treasure and to sell her land for maintenance of her armies by sea and land, whereby, with such small helps as her subjects have yielded, she hath defended and kept safe her dominions from all such forcible attempts as have been made Which though performed at infinite charge, her Majesty doth notwithstanding hear of nothing more unwillingly than of aids and subsidies from her people The taxations at this day, howsoever they seem, are nothing so great as heretofore In the tune of Ed-ward the Third, and of those before and after him, the payments of the Commons did far exceed any that have been made since her Majesty's reign , but never cause so great to employ great sums of money as now To spare now is to spare for those which seek to devour all, and to give is to give to ourselves, her Majesty's part only being carefully to bestow ?vhat is delivered into her hands This war is just, it is in defence of the Religion of God, of our most Gracious Sovereign, and of our natural country, of our wives, our children, our liberties, lands, lives, and whatsoever we have [3]

Whereupon the Commons were dismissed to choose the Speaker, who shall be presented on Thursday next. The Commons therefore straightway repaired to their own House,

and there being assembled and sitting some space of time very silent, at last Sir William Knollys, the Controller, stood up and spake

6 Necessity constraineth me to break off this silence and to give others cause for speech According to the usual custom we are to choose our Speaker, and though I am least able and therefore unfit to speak in this place, yet better I deem it to discover my own imperfections than that her most Sacred Majesty's commandment to me delivered should not be fulfilled, or your expectation of this day's work by all our silences be frustrate *